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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Restriction Requirement, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2003, in connection with the patent application identified above.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of two perceived patentably distinct groups of claims: Group I (claims 1-7) and Group II (claims 8-15). Applicant therefore hereby elects Group I (claims 1-7) for prosecution at this time.

Applicant respectfully requests that the application now proceed promptly to examination. Applicant believes that no fees are necessitated by the present Response. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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